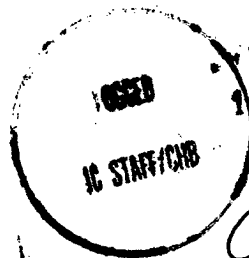


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Mr. R. W. Vandergrift, Jr.
 Chief of Surveys and Investigations Staff
 House Committee on Appropriations
 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Vandergrift:

The Agency is in receipt of your letter dated September 26, 1988, which states that the Surveys and Investigations Staff will be conducting a study on communications systems. The study will include, but not be restricted to, covert communication systems.

STAT [redacted] has been designated as the point of
 STAT contact for the Intelligence Community and she can be
 STAT contacted on [redacted] has
 STAT been designated as the point of contact for this Agency. He
 can be contacted on [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]
 John L. Helgerson
 Director of Congressional Affairs

STAT OCA/HA, [redacted] (11 October 88)

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Honorable William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence
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Dear Judge Webster:

Reference is made to my letters dated April 25, 1988 and May 9, 1988, which explain that the Surveys and Investigations Staff had been directed to make a broadly based study of current and planned programs and activities under the Director of Central Intelligence.

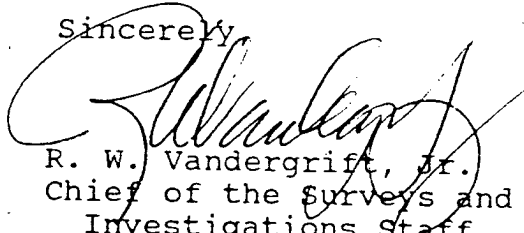
In furtherance of this study, Staff Members Albert J. Boudreau, [redacted] and Ronald B. Carpenter [redacted] will commence an inquiry of communication systems. This inquiry will include, but will not be limited to, covert communication systems in the Intelligence and Defense communities. Please grant the above named Staff Members the appropriate clearances and access to any and all programs necessary for them to complete the inquiry.

We will be pleased to meet with whomever you may designate to arrange for the data pertinent to this inquiry.

The Secretary of Defense has been advised by separate correspondence.

If you have any questions regarding this matter I can be contacted on 225-3881.

Sincerely,


R. W. Vandergrift, Jr.
Chief of the Surveys and
Investigations Staff

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